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Volunteering Looks Good on You!

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April is National Volunteer Month, a time when we come together to give back, find our strengths, and advocate for change. For young people, volunteering offers even greater value as it helps them discover their passions, build confidence, and form relationships. In this edition, we spotlight iFoster's TAY AmeriCorps, a groundbreaking initiative breaking barriers and fostering resilient communities nationwide. Join us as we celebrate the transformative power of youth-driven service and inspire others to make a positive impact during National Volunteer Month.

Resources for you

Answer the Call to Serve



There are so many ways to serve and make a difference. AmeriCorps is an opportunity for individuals of all ages and backgrounds to give their time and talent to strengthen communities. And you can get paid!

AmeriCorps offers opportunities with different time commitments and requirements, meaning you can serve in whatever capacity works for your goals and lifestyle. If you are a current or former foster youth, you could even apply to be an iFoster TAY AmeriCorps member!

[Find a Way to Serve](#)

Establish and Build Your Credit for Free with Experian Go

Ways to Save on Things You Love



If you're like us, you're always looking for ways to save money on the things that matter most: basic needs, clothing, supplies, and even cars and recreational activities. Now those discounts are more accessible than ever with iFoster Get Perks and Working Advantage! Both iFoster Get Perks, and Working Advantage are similar—they both offer discounts on hundreds of items—but there are also some unique offers between the two.

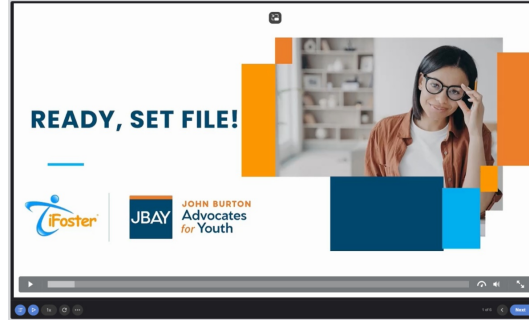
[Watch and Learn More](#)

Get Tax Savvy with iFoster: File Like a Pro, Keep the Dough!



Introducing Experian Go, a free resource to help establish and build credit. Experian Go offers numerous benefits at no cost to you. You can create a positive credit history, access credit monitoring services, and receive helpful insights to improve your credit score.

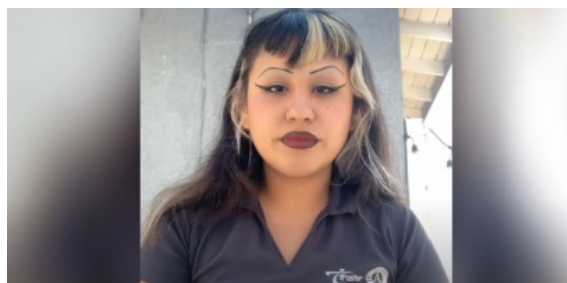
[Start Building Your Credit](#)



Tax season can be daunting for first-time filers, especially youth navigating the complexities of forms and deductions. But fear not! iFoster, in partnership with John Burton Advocates for Youth, are introducing a new self-directed tax tool that allows you to file your taxes for FREE. With tailored scenarios to your unique circumstances, we ensure you find the best strategies to optimize your return. Say goodbye to expensive tax services and maximize your refund with iFoster and John Burton Advocates for Youth. Get ready, set, and file like a pro, and let us help you keep more of your hard-earned cash where it belongs - in your pocket!

[Start Your Tax Journey With Us](#)

A Peer Navigator's 101 Guide to Opening a Bank Account for Young Adults



Are you a young adult trying to navigate opening a bank account? Our Peer Navigators are here to guide you through the steps to understand the required fees and documents. With our 101 on opening a bank account, you will feel confident and empowered to take control of your finances. Let us help you on the path to financial independence today!

[Hear From Jeszabel](#)

Celebrating Stories of Empowerment



"I wanted to serve in AmeriCorps to help and serve my community. I envision my time here with AmeriCorps contributing to my long-term career goals of giving back to those in need and impacting the lives of others. AmeriCorps has affected me in positive ways."—Mathew Brooks: iFoster – Transition Age Youth (TAY) PHA Member

We would like to celebrate and shine a spotlight on the inspiring work of our dedicated AmeriCorps members and their impact on the lives of Transition Age Youth (TAY).

Through their unique perspectives and personal journeys, our AmeriCorps members exemplify the passion

and dedication that drive their commitment to TAY empowerment. Take a closer look at their "Why I Serve" stories and discover how they inspire and support young adults navigating the challenges of adulthood.

From mentorship to advocacy, our AmeriCorps members are trusted guides on the journey towards independence for many young adults. Their stories reflect a shared commitment to creating a supportive and nurturing environment that fosters growth, resilience, and success.

Thank you for being a part of our mission, supporting TAY empowerment, and joining us in celebrating the spirit of service.

[Read Their Stories](#)

Breaking New Ground: Eisner Health & iFoster Launch Public Health AmeriCorps Program!

We are thrilled to share the exciting launch of the Public Health AmeriCorps Program by Eisner Health and iFoster. This groundbreaking initiative is not only empowering 100 emancipated foster youth from LA County by providing them with a 10-month job assignment starting in April 2024, but it also aims to establish a meaningful pathway to careers in the crucial field of public health.

By uniting communities and organizations, this partnership is creating a direct pipeline from serving your community to establishing stable and rewarding careers. Through the innovative program, these foster youth will not only gain valuable professional skills and paid work experience but will also contribute to essential patient services across multiple departments, making a real difference in the lives of patients and helping Los Angeles' most vulnerable populations.

Stay connected as Eisner Health and iFoster continue to pave the way for the next generation of public health leaders while illustrating the incredible impact that serving your community can have in forging meaningful and fulfilling careers.

[Learn More](#)

We are all Friends in Texas

We are thrilled to share with you that iFoster was a key participant in the amicus brief submitted to the Third District of the Texas Court of Appeals. The brief was submitted in response to Texas' directive, instructing personnel to investigate all cases of gender-affirming care as child abuse.

We are happy to announce that the Court of Appeals has ruled favorably on its review of the temporary restraining orders granted against Texas in both the Doe and Voe/PFLAG cases. The directive has been suspended statewide pending further orders of the court. This is a significant victory for those in need of gender-affirming medical care.

Our brief argued that gender-affirming care is not child abuse, and that these invasive and threatening investigations in and of themselves did harm to the trans youth and their families. The court's decision credits the evidence presented by the appellees of harm inflicted on them by impending or actual investigations. This is a welcome vindication by the court.

Although this case will not be resolved by Texas' intervening ban on gender-affirming care, the temporary restraining orders protect families who travel out of state for this necessary care. We will keep you updated on any further developments.

[Read The Briefs Here](#)

Did You Know?

Celebrate AmeriCorps 30th Anniversary with a Focus on the Environment!

In recognition of AmeriCorps' remarkable 30-year anniversary, the entire month of April is dedicated to highlighting its invaluable contributions to our planet. As part of this celebration, iFoster is thrilled to introduce one of AmeriCorps' newest programs: the American Climate Corps. Working hand in hand with The White House, this initiative aims to address the pressing challenges of climate change while fostering positive environmental impact.

The American Climate Corps provides a unique opportunity for individuals to volunteer their time and skills to help change the planet. Whether you have a background in environmental science, sustainability, or simply have a passion for the environment, this program offers an avenue for you to make a tangible difference.

Through the American Climate Corps, volunteers will engage in a variety of projects focused on conservation, clean energy, climate resilience, and more. Participants will not only contribute to crucial initiatives but also gain valuable experience, training, and networking opportunities that can shape their future careers.

[Visit their website](#) to learn more about the American Climate Corps and how you can get involved.

Exploring Options After the Affordable Connectivity Program Expires

Are you a member of the Affordable Connectivity Program that is about to expire? If so here are a few alternatives following the program conclusion. As we strive to assist our community in accessing vital resources, we draw upon the expertise of partner AARP how have put together a few insights and recommendations [here](#).

May is Foster Care Month

We're kicking it off with the release of our annual *Voice of Foster Care Community Report*.


This report represents the largest collaboration between current and former foster youth, caregivers, and frontline workers spanning the nation. Keep an eye out for next month's special edition newsletter with this year's results!

Additionally

To celebrate, iFoster will be hosting a series of special events throughout the month. Stay tuned for more information!



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